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SUBJECT: CONCENTRATION OF ARMOR IN ADDIS ABABA

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A LARGE FORCE OF TANKS AND SUPPORTING INFANTRY FROM THE
THIRD DIVISION IN EASTERN ETHIOPIA WAS MOVED INTO ADDIS ABABA
THIS MORNING. THE FORCE WAS DEPLOYED AROUND A PALACE IN WHICH
THE TRIALS OF [REDACTED] DETAINED ARISTOCRATS AND
FORMER OFFICIALS WILL BEGIN SHORTLY. SOME OF THE PRISONERS REPORTEDLY
WERE MOVED RECENTLY TO THE PALACE FROM FOURTH DIVISION HEADQUARTERS
WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN HELD SINCE THEIR ARRESTS.

THE ARMED FORCES COORDINATING COMMITTEE HAS ALSO DECIDED TO
MOVE [REDACTED] HEADQUARTERS TO THE PALACE AND FELT THE NEED FOR

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ADDITIONAL SECURITY AROUND THE COMPOUND. THE ARMOR POWER CONCENTRATION, HOWEVER, IS IN EXCESS OF WHAT IS NEEDED TO PROTECT THE AREA. THE MODERATES WHO PRESENTLY CONTROL THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE APPARENTLY WANTED TO OVERTAKE THEIR OPPONENTS. THE MODERATES ARE CONCERNED THAT SUPPORTERS OF THE ARISTOCRATS MIGHT INSTIGATE DISORDERS DURING THE TRIALS; THEY ALSO FEAR THE POTENTIAL FOR TROUBLEMAKING BY THEIR RADICAL OPPONENTS IN THE MILITARY--ALTHOUGH THIS GROUP CAME OUT SECOND BEST IN RECENT CONFRONTATIONS WITH THE MODERATES.

■ ADDIS ABABA REMAINED CALM THROUGHOUT THE DAY. CANVAS COVERS ARE STILL ON THE GUNS AROUND THE PALACE, AND THERE IS NO SIGN OF IMPENDING MILITARY ACTION. E2 IMPDET-H 25X1A9a

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